

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NORTHERN DIVISION
No. 2:14-CR-5-BO-1
No. 2:17-CV-24-BO

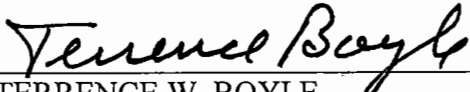
LAMONT NICHOLAS RIDDICK,)
Petitioner,)
v.)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Respondent.)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court following petitioner's failure to comply with the Court's order to return his motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 on the proper form. [DE 41]. Petitioner having responded to the order and demonstrated good cause for his failure to comply, [DE 42], and upon a finding that the § 2255 motion as filed substantially complies with Rule 2(c) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, the Court will consider the § 2255 motion as filed without requiring petitioner to return the § 2255 form.

Having conducted an examination of petitioner's motion pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings and it appearing that dismissal is not warranted at this time, the United States Attorney is DIRECTED to file an Answer pursuant to Rule 5, Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, or to make such other response as appropriate to the above-captioned § 2255 motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence, within **forty (40)** days of the date of entry of this order.

SO ORDERED, this 12 day of February, 2018.


TERRENCE W. BOYLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE